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HISTORICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

COTTON.—Mr. Frank E. Cotton, Woburn, Mass., is compiling a genealogy of the Cotton families of America, and requests as full information as possible from all members of the family. He says: "I will gladly give, in return for such information as you may give me of your family, any memoranda from my notes which may be of interest to you."

GENTRY.—Mr. Richard Gentry, Kansas City, Mo., is collecting data for a genealogy of the family of his name, which descends from early settlers in New Kent county, Va. Correspondence with persons interested is desired.

WARREN.—In the October number of this Magazine appeared a note on the Warren family, in which it was stated that Thomas Warren, of Surry county, Va., was a son of Sir Edward Warren, of Poynton, and that his son, Thomas Warren, Jr., settled in Maryland, and was ancestor of a family in that State. It is believed that the writer of that note was altogether mistaken in regard to both statements, and that there is no proof of the facts stated. At an early date a number of extracts from the Surry records in regard to the Warrens will be printed.

GENEALOGICAL.—There are now prepared or in course of preparation for this Magazine, genealogical articles of greater or less extent in regard to the families of Pryor, Foote, Booker, Rodes, Railey, Mosby, Cannon, Washington of Southampton county, Coles, Woodley, Copeland, Parker of Isle of Wight, Parker of Eastern Shore, Michaux, Fulton, Legrand, Binford, Evans, &c.

THE MORTONS OF VIRGINIA.

While searching for information concerning my ancestors, Joseph Morton, of the Northern Neck, and William Morton, of Orange county, I have come into possession of data concerning other Mortons also. As the information has been gathered from many sources, it is impossible to specify each one or to verify many statements made. It is presented now in order that further data may be elicited. When the missing links are found, the matter will be published in book form. Help is wanted.

DANIEL MORTON, M. D., *St. Joseph, Mo.*

CUSTIS FAMILY.

Editor Virginia Magazine of Hist. and Biography, Richmond, Va.

DEAR SIR:

Having, in the past few years, collected a large amount of material relating to the history of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the genealogy of its prominent families, it is proposed to prepare, with a view of publishing, a genealogy of the Custis family of Virginia, with which are

connected most of the families of that section of Virginia. Any information of a historical, genealogical or biographical character, relating to the Custis family or its connections, will be appreciated. We are in possession of considerable original matter from the records of Virginia and *elsewhere*, never heretofore published, which will, no doubt, prove interesting to the many connections of that family and others interested in such matters.

G. O. CALLAHAN, 671 Bullitt Building, Phila.

WILL OF JOHN MASON, 1678.

Editor of the Va. Magazine of History and Biography:

SIR—Enclosed you will find a copy of the will of John Mason, dated 7th day of July, 1678, proved in London 16th September, 1678, in which he bequeaths to his son, Tho. Mason, and unto my daughter, Elizabeth Mason, all my whole estate in Virginia, &c.

I thought it might be of interest to readers of the Magazine; if so, you are welcome to use it.

I should like to have the following query inserted:

Wanted information in regard to the Wickliffe Family of Virginia and Kentucky. Elijah Wickliffe emigrated from England about 1748 and settled near Dumfries, Va. Wanted: the name of his wife and his parents and ancestry.

Yours truly,

C. WICKLIFFE THROCKMORTON,

Sept. 11, 1898.

349 Broadway, New York City.

In the name of God Amen.

I, JOHN MASON, being very sick & weake in body, but of perfect memory, thanks be unto God, doe make my last will & testament as followeth, to-wit: I bequeathe my soule to Almighty God that gave it, hoping through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain pardon for my sinnes, & my body to the earth, desiring christian buriall. I give unto my loving wife Mary Mason & unto my son Tho. Mason & unto my daughter Elizabeth Mason all my whole estate in Virginia & elsewhere to be equally divided amongst them, & in case that my said wife should have been with child when I left her & that child be living, I then doe bequeath unto that child, an equal share with my wife & the other two children, before mentioned, I also do make my loving wife my sole executrix, and appoint my loving friends Mr. Thomas Nelson & Mr. John Dogge my overseers of this my will, as witness my hand & seale this 7 day of July, 1678.

JOHN MASON.

Signed & sealed before us Tho. Hone, Abell Clarke, Tho. George, Martin Salter, John Steward.

P'd in London 16 Sep., 1678, by oath of Maria Mason, relict & executrix.